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Serial No.: 10/810,801 Group Art Unit: 2617  
Filed: March 29, 2004  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PROVIDE HIDDEN NODE  
PROTECTION

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**RESPONSE / AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2006 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the May 19, 2006 Office Action is due August 19, 2006. Since August 19, 2006 falls out on a weekend, a response is due the next business day, i.e. August 21, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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